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## WOMAN VICTIM OF BLACK FIEND

Assaulted And

First reports from the scene of the tragedy were to the effect that William Walker, a negro, went to the Gibson home, the head of the family being absent, awoke Mrs. Gibson and told her a neighbor had just died and that he had been sent for her.

Hastily dressing and accompanied by Little Clarence, the woman left her home with the man. When they had gotten away from the house and into the nearby woods, the negro turned upon Mrs. Gibson, seized her and assaulted her. During the scuffle the woman, in her desperate fight, after screaming, was cut on the throat and twice on the hands. Her wounds are not considered fatal. Little Clarence, however, also screamed for help and was rewarded by being slashed.

The woman tried to evade the cruelty of the negro and offered him money, but he declined this saying it was not what he wanted. After a

From the wounded woman, it was learned that after the second outrage, he demanded her money. She offered to go after it, but the cries of the lad had begun to be heard and the fiend made off. Citizens residing in the little mill camp soon rushed to the scene and armed, began a vigorous search for Walker.

Immediately after Sheriff Drago reached the scene in an auto he organized a posse and a search is being conducted vigorously.

Gibson and her little brother were brought to Mobile on the Southern and taken at once to an inn and given all possible attention. Mrs. Gibson not only is suffering from the ugly wound in her throat and on her hands, but is in a state of collapse.

A late report from Axis is that a posse has the negro located in a swamp and will stand by until he is captured or killed.

Woman's Relatives, By "Grapevine" Communication, Track Felon a Week, and Finding Him, Riddle His Body. *Minut Ad.* 10-4-10

Talladega, Ala., Oct. 3.—Probably the first case of lynching by a mob of negroes, alone and without the aid and counsel of white men, occurred near McFall, Sunday, October 2, in this county.

Thursday, a strange negro, at a farm near Lincoln, fourteen miles north of Talladega, assaulted a negro woman under circumstances of unusual atrocity.

The alarm was soon given, but the assailant escaped, going in an easterly direction on the road leading to

McFall. The Lincoln negroes, following the friends and relatives of the woman assaulted, made some efforts to procure a warrant, but for some reasons they did not succeed in getting legal papers for the apprehension of the fleeing negro.

By a system of "grapevine telegraphy" peculiar to the negroes, word was kept on the trail of the assailant, and he was thought to be located Sunday near McFall, a station on the Georgia Pacific Division of the Southern Railroad. Sunday, when the eastbound train on the Southern Railroad rolled into Lincoln it was boarded by a number of negroes who had bought tickets to McFall, and who were the neighbors and relatives of the outraged woman. They were not noisy or demonstrative, nor were any unusual number of weapons in evidence.

Arriving at McFall they separated into groups and began a quiet still-hunt for the man.

In a short time they located a negro who answered to the description previously obtained of the man wanted, and without any waste of time they filled his body full of bullets and left him dead.

Will Thweatt, a merchant of McFall, called up the Talladega authorities Monday and notified them that there was a dead man unburied near that place. Coroner R. Heine procured an automobile, and went there at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

It has been but a short time since the entire community around Lincoln was stirred over an assault upon a white woman by a negro. Several parties were arrested, and released upon a preliminary trial, and it is not thought that the right man has yet been apprehended. This circumstance gave rise to much talk of lynching among the people living near Lincoln, some of which was evidently heard by the negroes, which doubtless gave them the cue to take the law into their own hands in this instance.

The name of the man killed, or the woman assaulted, has not been learned, but it is generally stated on the streets that the negro assailant was not a person belonging to that neighborhood. In the annals of the county this is the first instance of where negroes have visited summary vengeance upon one of their own race for a crime against a negro woman or for any other crime.

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night. He died after identifying the  
killers.

The negroes approached Fox yester-  
day afternoon in Charleston where he  
was trading. They said they were  
working for a threshing outfit near  
the place and asked permission to ride  
in his wagon. Between 7 and 8 o'clock  
Fox started for his home, six miles  
from Charleston, with the negroes  
in the wagon. Two miles from town  
one of the negroes shot Fox through the  
back, and both searched his pockets.  
An approaching wagon caused them to  
run.

**Both Are Hanged.**  
The approaching men were friends  
of Fox, and at once notified Sheriff  
Culp. Bloodhounds were put on the  
trail and the negroes were soon cap-  
tured. They were brought to Char-  
leston and locked up.

This morning farmers began arriv-  
ing in town, and, alarmed by threats  
of lynching, Sheriff Culp appealed to  
Gov. Hadley for assistance and swore  
in a number of deputies. The sheriffs  
were powerless to check the mob.

It required two hours to break into  
the jail. Then the men rushed in on  
the frightened negroes and, with yells,  
took them outside. One negro was  
hanged in the jail yard after he con-  
fessed his guilt. The other negro was  
carried into an automobile and taken  
to the spot where he had hid the re-  
volver with which Fox was shot. This  
weapon obtained, the negro was taken  
back to Charleston.

In the presence of nearly 5,000 peo-  
ple, who yelled their approval, the sec-  
ond negro was hanged from the yard  
arm of a crossing sign at the inter-  
section of the two branches of the  
Great Mountain Railroad. The mob was  
kept on burning the negro section of  
Charleston, but cooler heads prevailed  
and quiet was restored late tonight.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict  
that "the negroes came to their deaths  
at the hands of parties unknown."  
A third negro was taken from the  
county jail later and horsewhipped and  
driven from town. It is reported that  
many negroes are leaving town. Later  
quiet has been restored.

**SHERIFF WILL BE HELD  
LIABLE FOR LYNCHINGS**

**Ohio Legislature Empowers  
Governor to Make  
Removal**

**NEW ANTI-LYNCHING LAW**  
N.Y. Sept. 6-30-10  
Representative H. T. Eubanks instrumental  
in securing enactment of bill which  
is a blow at mob law.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.  
Columbus, O., June 28.—Through the  
efforts of Representative H. T. Eubanks,

Ohio Legislature recently passed the  
following act, empowering the Governor  
to remove from and declare vacant the  
office of a sheriff who shall permit a  
person to be taken from his custody by  
a mob:

**Section 1.** Whenever a qualified

person shall permit a mob to  
take from his custody a person  
under his legal protection, he shall be  
deemed to have abandoned his office  
and the Governor shall have the power  
to remove him from office and to ap-  
point in his stead a qualified person.

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...who having been...  
shooting of Deputy Sheriff Allen  
Burns.

Christian had been charged with  
having stolen a watch from Dr. Grace.  
The physician and the deputy went to  
Christian's home, and called for him.  
They received no reply. Instead, some

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**Hot While Trying to Escape from  
His Capt.**

**WHEN LAST HEARD FROM THE  
MURDERER WAS IN THE HANDS  
OF A MOB AT SANFORD NEAR  
DALUSIA.**

Adm. 10-4-10

Ala., Oct. 2.—A negro  
being held by a mob at  
Sanford, near Dalusia, and  
stockade of the Henderson  
family, near Sanford, and  
he was taken before mid-  
day and murdered.

Sanford, the young wife of  
a farmer living near the camp. The  
crime is one of the most revolting that  
ever occurred in this county, and was  
committed in the middle of the after-  
noon. The convict was captured on  
the spot by G. O. Waites and Edgar  
Nix, who were in the woods nearby  
at the time, and brought to Sanford  
by them. On their way from the camp  
on an engine the negro jumped to the  
ground and they shot him through the  
arms and back.

on to Sanford, where they delivered  
him to the sheriff.

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**NEGROES TRY TO  
LYNCH BAILIFF.**

Adm. 10-4-10

Athens, Ga., Sept. 6.—Telephone mes-  
sages received here today from Car-  
lton, Ga., where five negroes were re-  
ported to have been killed last Thurs-  
day night after an unsuccessful effort  
to assault the daughter of Robert  
Huff, a planter, and rob and murder  
the other members of the Huff family.  
Indicate that two of the accused  
negroes still are at liberty.

Cliff Bolton, one of the negroes, re-  
sisted arrest when captured by Marshal  
Johnson. It is stated, and was prob-  
ably fatally shot. Two of the other  
blacks, named Oglesby and Brooks,  
were reported to have been captured  
by posse and summarily dealt with,  
while the remaining two, brothers  
named Brooks, made their escape.

Conflicting reports, however, also  
state that these two have been sum-  
marily disposed of. All Madison coun-  
ty is aroused and further trouble is  
feared, it is stated.

Although persons living in the vic-  
inity of the crime refuse any informa-  
tion, a report from Carlton tonight  
states that three of the five accused  
negroes are held, pending the calling  
of a special term of court at Daniels-  
ville to try them. Judge Meadows, it  
is said, has assured the people that  
he will give the negroes a speedy trial.

The ring leader of the band of  
negroes, according to this report, was  
slipped to death Thursday night.  
The negro Bolton probably will die.

**NEGROES TRY TO  
LYNCH BAILIFF.**

Adm. 10-4-10

Atlanta, Sept. 15.—The mob  
which this morning...  
of Justice Jackson's...  
being lynched by a crowd of...  
negroes, of whom he is said to have  
made victims.

They alleged that he would arrest  
negroes on the charge of running blind  
tigers and then settle with them for  
\$4 or \$5 to stop prosecution. He went  
out at midnight last night and made  
some arrests, and the attempt on his  
life followed. It is stated only the  
timely arrival of a number of police-  
men, who had been telephoned for  
from headquarters, saved his life.

In Recorder's court to-day he was  
fined \$100 and then bound over to the  
state court on the charge of carrying  
concealed weapons and assault and  
battery under \$500 bond.

**BODIES DANGLE  
FROM TRESTLE**

**Negro and Woman Companion  
Are Lynched.**

**DEPUTY SHERIFF WOUNDED  
Graceville Citizens Overpower  
Guard at Jail.**

**PRISONERS TAKEN AWAY AND  
BODIES LATER ARE FOUND  
HANGING FROM TRES-  
TLE—EXCITEMENT  
HAD SUBSIDED.**

Graceville, Fla., Sept. 2.—(Special)—  
Dangling from a trestle just outside  
of town this morning were found the  
bodies of two negroes, Ed Christian  
and Hattie Bowman, who were charged

**MOB MAY HAVE  
LYNCHED HIM**

**Negro Convict Assaults and  
Murders Mrs. Lucky.**

**CAPTURED ON THE SCENE**



Lynchings - 1910

TEXANS LYNCH NEGRO YOUTH

Seek Vengeance for Constable's Murder.

VICTIM IS BURNED AT STAKE

Mob Captures Fugitive by Surrounding Corn Field.

BOY IS THEN THROWN ON FIRE IN PUBLIC SQUARE—TWO OTHERS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.

Belton, Texas, July 23.—Henry Gentry, a negro, 15 years old, paid the penalty of his crime—murder and presumably intended assault at the stake tonight when two others, a brother of the boy lynched and a companion charged with implication, missed a like fate only through the pleadings of Sheriff Burke and several citizens.

Early today the negro attempted to force an entrance into the home of Mrs. Lammie, widow, but was frightened away with a shot fired by the woman's daughter. Several hours later, while Gentry was being searched for by a posse headed by Constable James Mitchell, the man, firing from ambush, killed the posse leader.

Then the mob formed and, after an all day search, surrounded the fugitive in a corn field. As the mob closed in Gentry made a dash for liberty but was brought to earth by two well directed bullets. A rope was quickly brought, her state man dragged to an automobile and hurried to Belton where a great throng of men and boys awaited his coming.

As the public square was reached the rope was tossed to a man on horse back and the negro dragged about the square to the pyre. The lighting of the torch was the work of a moment and while several hundred shots were fired into his body the already dying negro was inclined to the ground.

When the work of the mob was ended here a dash was made for the city prison with the intent of lynching the two others charged with aiding Gentry in the killing of Mitchell. Pleadings and a show of force by officers stopped the mob before an attempt was made to storm the jail. The crowd then dispersed and further disorder is not anticipated.

Louisville, Miss., July 23.—Swinton Farmer, a young farmer, is under arrest, two other men are being sought by posse, and the lynching of the man in custody was threatened tonight as a sequel to the assault and killing of Miss Jennie Sharp, daughter of a prominent planter.

Miss Sharp left her home late yesterday to go to Rural Hill in this county, the nearest postoffice, for the day's mail.

At nightfall, not having returned, parties were formed to search for her and after an all-night search her body was found in a small ravine with her throat cut, head battered and evidences of mistreatment of a most revolting nature apparent. Circumstantial evidence led to the arrest late today of Farmer, and despite his protests of innocence, he was brought to Louisville and imprisoned.

When the arrest of the man became known, the mob began to gather, increasing hourly in numbers, but at a late hour had so far failed to put into execution their threats of lynching.

Posses are searching for the others supposed to have had a part in the

MEANT TO KILL GIRL'S MOTHER

FOUR NEGROES LYNCHED.

Excitement is high about Dady, Fla. Aug. 3.—The telephone lines to Dady, Fla., were cut off by a mob and lynching of the man who had been charged with the murder of a girl and her mother.

Posses are out now hunting for the negroes who were thought to have had knowledge of the murder. It has developed that the negroes were under a threat to attack and kill the girl and her mother. Their plans failed.

Excitement is at fever heat. A great throng was at the funeral of the little girl.

May Kill Fifth Negro. Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 3.—Advices received to-night are to the effect that another lynching is in prospect at Dady where Beale Morrison was killed last Friday after being criminally assaulted by two negro men. It is said that one negro was captured who has not been made satisfactorily to account for his whereabouts on the afternoon of the crime and that, in addition, he loaned a mule to one of the alleged murderers on which to escape. Excitement is still intense. It is asserted, and there is little chance for his

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

TENNESSEE MOB SURPRISES Tiptonville Sheriff.

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NEGRO SUES FOR DAMAGE

One Him by Race Riot. Norfolk, Va., Sept. 10.—One of the most damage cases in the history of the city was presented today when a negro of Onancock, Va., entered suit for \$100,000 against the town of Onancock and the board of supervisors of Accomac County in the United States Court for damages alleged to have been done him in 1907.

Burton claims that his business amounted to \$10,000 a year, broken up as a result of a riot which occurred in Onancock on August 1, 1907, which caused him to leave the town and caused him to lose a year in jail before he was acquitted of a charge of assault as a result of his appeal to the Superior Court of Virginia. Sentence of ten years in the penitentiary.

Another charge made by him was that his place was burned by the defendants named or at their instigation and that property valued at \$2,000 had been confiscated. He says he is still the victim of the conspiracy as he has refrained from returning to his home on account of threats to do him bodily harm.

MOB TAKES LAW IN HAND. LYNCHED NEGRO WHO ASSAULTED WHITE GIRL. 9-2-10. Two Thousand Persons Participate in Mob in Mississippi Town—Mob Dispersed as Quickly as it Formed. Amory, Miss., Sept. 1.—Nick Thompson, a negro, accused of criminal assault

crossing a bridge over the river, was taken to the scene of the crime this afternoon by a mob and lynched. Fully 2,000 persons participated in the lynching.

The lynching followed the identification of Thompson by Miss Jennie Jackson, his alleged victim. As soon as the fact that the negro had been identified became known, the mob quickly formed and hanged him to a telegraph pole. After accomplishing its purpose, the mob dispersed.

Miss Jackson was attacked Saturday afternoon while returning home from a neighbor's.

Six negroes besides Thompson were arrested on suspicion, but were later released after proving alibis. Intense excitement reigned following the attack and only the intervention of cooler heads prevented a lynching when the first arrests were made.

LYNCHED AND BURNED. MOB TORTURES NEGRO THAT MURDERED MRS. STUCKEY. 10-5-10. Mutilated His Body, Riddled It With Bullets, and Then Placed It on a Bonfire and Reduced It to Ashes.

ANDALUSIA, ALA., Oct. 4.—The negro convict, who assaulted and killed Mrs. Hiram Stuckey near Sanford yesterday afternoon, was lynched by a crowd of from 500 to 1,000 men and boys at Sanford last night about 9 o'clock. As soon as the negro was captured he was taken to Sanford and kept under guard until the arrival of the crowd, which grew larger as time passed.

About 9 o'clock the mob took him in charge and carried him to the outskirts of the village, and there mutilated and otherwise torturing him, his body was riddled with bullets. An immense fire was started and the body placed therein and completely burned. The negro confessed to the crime.

It is said that his name was Reeves and that he was sent up from Mobile County about fifteen years ago on a charge of criminal assault and that he lacked about three months of having his sentence served out.

It is reported that the victim of the assault died last night.

ANOTHER NEGRO LYNCHED FOR GIRL'S MURDER. 8-4-10. Each Excitement Exists at Dady, Florida.

Dady Springs, Fla., Aug. 1.—Following the lynching Saturday night of a negro charged with the assault and murder of little Beale Morrison at Dady, Fla., another negro, whose name was reported to have been given to death late to-day for alleged participation in the crime.

Telephone wires being down it is impossible to get full details of the lynching, but latest reports are to the effect that the citizens of Dady are greatly excited and contemplate forcing all negroes to leave the vicinity. Conflicting reports as to the number of negroes lynched have been received at various points, but information here indicates that to-day's victim makes a total of four.

LYNCHING FEVER ABATES

SHERIFF ON SCENE TO RESTORE ORDER.

Four Negroes Implicated in Crime on Young Girl Since Been Lynched. First Person Alibi and is Released.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The northwestern section of Holmes County, which has been in a turmoil of excitement since last Friday, when it was discovered that little Beale Morrison, 13 years of age, had been raped and murdered, partly resumed its normal life this morning, following the liberating of a fifth suspect, who had been caught by a posse and was held to make an alibi.

While he did not succeed in the satisfaction of some of his explanation nevertheless was calm and after the excitement had partially subsided and he was about to depart, much to the surprise of some who had expected a fight, when they learned of another capture.

Sheriff Bell of Holmes County, is now on the scene and has succeeded in allaying the excitement and in persuading the residents that the crime has been well avenged by the lynching of the three negroes who committed the crime and another who knew of it and assisted to some extent. No more trouble is expected now, but it will be many months before any turbulent hands can be persuaded to work in that section.

INTRUDED UPON GIRLS. GEORGIANS LYNCH NEGRO. Helens, Ga., Aug. 11.—Jim Toler, a negro, was lynched at one o'clock this morning at Alamo, seven miles from here by a mob of over 100 men for having entered the room of two daughters of a prominent planter of Montgomery county Tuesday night while the girls were in bed asleep.

It is stated that one of the girls was awakened by Toler when he raised the mosquito netting over the bed and that her screams frightened him away. Search for the negro began at once and yesterday afternoon a posse of men came upon Toler working in a corn field and accused him of the crime. He confessed his guilt and at an early hour this morning was tied to a tree and shot to death. The mob then dispersed.

ENTERS GIRLS ROOM. NEGRO HANGED TO TREE. Cairo, Ga., July 31.—Screams of the young daughter of John Wade, ten miles northeast of here, during last night, resulted in the capture and lynching of a negro who had entered her room and was discovered at her bedside.

The negro, entering through a window, made a pass in the room and the young girl awoke. She once she began to scream and the members of the family rushed into the room. The negro had no time to escape, but dived under the bed and lay still in an effort to save himself. He was dragged out from his hiding place at once.

News of the capture was sent from house to house among the neighbors and a body of men quickly gathered. Without further ado, the negro was taken to a tree and hanged and a number of shots were fired into his body.

**UNKNOWN NEGRO SHOT  
TO DEATH BY ANGRY MEN**  
DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 2—Charged  
with having committed numerous rob-  
beries, which for the past ten days  
have terrorized the farmers residing  
in the neighborhood around Pelham  
and Ruffin, N. C., ten miles south of  
here, an unknown negro was shot to  
death in a barn near Pelham late this  
afternoon. The killing followed an all-  
day search in a drizzling rain, partici-  
pated in by at least fifty angry citi-  
zens.



# Mob of Angry Miners 10-15-10 Shoot a Negro To Death

CENTREVILLE, ALA., Oct. 12.—Grant Richardson, a negro, who lived near Braehead was lynched last night by unknown parties while Deputy Sheriff Cam Riley was on his way to jail with the prisoner. Riley was overpowered and the negro shot to pieces.

A white woman named Mrs. Crow gave birth some months ago to a child which was thought by many to be of doubtful color, but the woman strenuously denied the charge, till a few days ago when she declared that Richardson had assaulted her and that he was the father of the child. The miners and others living near Braehead, which is a mining camp about five miles from Blocton, were so incensed over the affair that they decided to inflict summary vengeance on the negro as soon as it was known that the sheriff had apprehended him.

Chief Deputy Charles Oakley left for the scene of the lynching early this morning as soon as the news reached him of the affair, but everything had quieted down, and it is not thought he will be able to get any clues to the members of the mob. It is supposed that a coroner's inquest will be ordered as soon as a special coroner is appointed.

It is not known here whether or not any charges have been preferred against the woman. This is the first lynching that has occurred in Bibb county, and the affair is deeply deplored by the best citizenship of the county. Grant Richardson has lived near Blocton for many years, and heretofore has borne a fair reputation, it is said.

The above are the facts as reported here by telephone and otherwise.

## NEGROES ARE SHOT DOWN

### TEXAS SHERIFF TELLS STORY OF 8-1-CARNAGE

Declares Members of Mob Were Full With Lust for Blood and Shot Down Negroes Indiscriminately.

Palentine, Tex., July 1.—At fifteen, and it may be twenty, no all of them probably were hunted down and killed, perhaps 200 or 300. Anderson and Denison, the sheriff of Palestine, yesterday, according to Sheriff Black, expressed the sheriff returned early after a twenty-four-hour stay in that district, where the trouble has been acute, and that the conditions to exist there. The man hunt for the bodies found in the terror almost in the inhabitants in part of Anderson County. Sheriff Black is sure that his estimate of the dead is conservative. He said he had made a careful investigation and the telling of its results.

until the location is revealed to us by the buzzards.

"I found the greatest excitement prevailing throughout that section of the country. Men were going about and killing negroes as fast as they could find them, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, without any real cause at all. These negroes had never done anything that I could discover. There was just a hot-headed mob hunting them down and killing them."

"We found eleven dead bodies, but from what I have heard the dead must number fifteen or twenty. We came across four bodies in one house."

"I don't know how many there were in the mob, but I think there must have been two or three hundred. I understand that Mrs. George Scarborough of Closum saw a party of forty or fifty go through her field."

"I am led to believe that the main trouble was due to a controversy over a promissory note. This may not be true, but that is the impression I have at this stage of the investigation. A white man who is a creditor had gone on a negro's note. The negro came due and he got after the man to renew it, or pay, or something of the kind, and the negro would not do it, and cursed him. The incident caused bad feeling."

Places Dead at Fifteen. "If reports that I have given to me are to be credited, there must be fifteen or twenty dead, all of them negroes. It will be difficult to find out just how many were killed, because the dead are scattered all over the woods. Some probably will never be found."

Although every possible effort has been made by the Anderson County authorities, Adjutant-General Newton, Captain Rogers and two or more rangers who arrived this morning, besides others, are leading their aid to the work. Palestine tonight has very little definite information about the trouble between the whites and blacks between Anderson and Denison Springs. Sunday has been characterized by the utter absence of anything authoritative from there except the report which Sheriff Black made on his return at an early hour this morning.

Judge H. B. Garner received a telephone message from Elkhart this afternoon, which purports to come from Captain G. R. Fowler, who is at the head of a force of special officers in that county. This message was to the effect that everything was quiet and that the troops would not be needed. The man who sent the message informed Judge Gardner that it had been given to him by Captain Fowler with instructions to bring it to Elkhart and transmit it to Palestine.

"I have received a message from Grapeland," said Judge Gardner, "stating that a negro had been killed near Priscilla this morning, and that the parties engaged in it were hunting another negro for the purpose of killing him. They thought something ought to be done to stop it. I have been trying to find out something about the situation, but when I got in touch with Priscilla, I could not find the place there. I did talk with some men who said there had been several

negroes killed, but he did not indicate what had been done today. Perhaps it is a part of the other trouble. Although there was nothing definite, I sent down two additional automobiles this evening with District Attorney Harris, Captain Rogers of the rangers and three or four men. The purpose is to ascertain the situation and advise me as soon as possible.

"The trouble is practically at an end. We are now trying to fix the responsibility and apprehend the guilty parties. I have been informed that one white man has been arrested, and that he is to be brought here. The grand jury will commence work tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The bailiffs I have sent down into that county are summoning practically everybody. This is for the two-fold purpose of getting the people out of the county, that order may be restored and of obtaining from them such evidence as they may be able to give."

Adjutant-General Newton accompanied by Captain Rogers of the rangers, Col. R. H. Beckham, assistant quartermaster in the Adjutant-General's department and two members of the Texas Rifle team of 1910, who are scheduled to be in the national shoot at Camp Perry, Ohio, arrived in Palestine this morning from Austin.

## LYNCHING THE WRONG MAN.

A damning indictment of mob law is presented in the news reports from Florida recounting the action of a mob which lynched the wrong man some miles from Pensacola. A negro charged with assault was supposed to be hiding in a swamp. A mob was formed to lynch him. This mob, as the news report says, found and shot to death some negro. They returned from the shooting in the swamp and announced that they were "satisfied."

A few hours later the right negro was arrested some miles away, and confessed that not only was he the negro wanted for the crime, but that he was guilty of the crime for which he was wanted.

Mob law is anarchy in action. It is defiance of all existing law and order. It is a brutal demoralizing crime, under the false disguise of punishing crime. It is one of the worst law and order and loosens a check on the violent instincts of the lower members of the community. For the moment it makes crime popular and encourages the vicious to other crimes.

Mob law is a menace to the safety of human life, a threat to property in any community which tolerates it. When a mob successfully accomplishes its purposes and escapes unpunished, the community which tolerated the crime will sooner or later feel the violence of some new form of lawlessness.

The mob lynched the wrong man, but yet under the law, its crime was

# RIOTING AGAIN BREAKS FORTH

## Mob Repeats Work After School Girl's Murder.

### FOURTH NEGRO IS LYNCHED

#### Victim Is Said to Have Given Aid to Trip

## POSSES ARE SEARCHING SWAMPS FOR NEGRO WANTED FOR ASSAULT AND MURDER IN VILLAGE OF AXIS.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Excitement is at fever heat in the northwestern portion of Holmes County tonight over the assault and murder of little Bessie Mae Morrison and the lynching of three negroes, Saturday night.

Another lynching occurred tonight, according to telegrams received here at 9 o'clock. The victim of the mob is said to have loaned a mule to one of the trio who committed the deed, knowing for what purpose it was wanted. He fled Saturday night but was caught in a swamp just at nightfall and hanged to a tree.

According to reports the community is in such a state of excitement that further shooting is expected at almost any minute. All business and work has been suspended and it is doubtful if any negroes are allowed to remain in the community.

### Hunt Negro in Swamp.

Mobile, Aug. 1.—The capture of Bill Walker, the negro who early Sunday morning assaulted Mrs. J. O. Gibson, of Axis, Ala., and who later killed a man and stole the latter's wife, is expected tonight or tomorrow.

Three deputies were on the trail but the negro fled for half a mile the blind. After a dog hunt, the negro was heading of his man.

Walker this morning at the point of a rifle, forced a negro couple to give him breakfast. The negroes knew Walker. Walker would have been captured last night were it not

The Chicago Tribune for some years has made a specialty of annual publication of lynchings in the United States. The list for 1910 is the smallest for many years. The Tribune began keeping the record in 1894 and in that year 190 were reported. In 1903 the total was 106. For 1910 only fifty-seven were recorded. Of course the effort is always made to show that the most of this sort of lawlessness is in the South. Unfortunately that seems to be true, but our critics make no allowance for the class of offenses for which lynch law is applied. We are opposed under any circumstances to the mob laying violent hands on persons accused of crime. In nearly every case the death penalty would be inflicted after fair trial in the courts and common sense and proper respect for law ought to lead men to await the verdict of the juries. Alabama is credited with eight lynchings. The places are not published in the list, but we cannot recall that many and are of the opinion that some cases were of men killed in the ordinary man to man fight and recorded as lynchings. Georgia and Florida are credited with ten each. Alabama and Arkansas eight each, Mississippi five, and Texas six. Louisiana, South Carolina and North Carolina had one each, and in Louisiana the victim was a white man. This leaves only seven for the rest of the country.

# CRIME MAKES NEGROES FLEE

## FLORIDA FARMERS AROUSED

### BY MURDER OF SCHOOL GIRL AND LYNCHINGS

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 1.—Telephone wires to the vicinity of Dady, Fla., were cut to night and negroes were reported to be fleeing for their lives from that section. Business was reported suspended late to-day while farmers left their fields to join posses bent on carrying forward vengeance for the murder of the little school girl, Bessie Morrison, who was slain last Friday. To-day it was reported that a negro had loaned an amulet for good luck to one of the colored men alleged to have slain the child. This negro, whose name has not been learned here, was captured last night.



## THE TEXAS RACE RIOT

PERHAPS the best way to bring the American people to a proper sense of the enormity of such mob outbreaks as recently occurred near Palestine, Texas, suggests the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, would be for the Powers of Europe to "unite in an emphatic protest to Washington against the lynchings, burnings, and massacres of innocent people which are taking place in some parts of this country." Altho the press dispatches telling of this particular outbreak are very meager and conflicting as to details, it seems that at least a score of negroes have been killed by a band of armed whites. While the earlier accounts told of a pitched battle between the two races, with many casualties on both sides, according to later accounts furnished by the Associated Press, it was not race war, but "just murder." To quote from the news columns of the *New York Sun*: *Literary Digest*

"The slaughter of the negroes was not the result of any race war, altho the feeling which the wholesale killing engendered threatened for a time to cause an uprising on the part of the negroes of the two communities. 8-13-10

"Mobs of white men started out early Friday night and rode from cabin to cabin calling out the negroes who had been marked for the slaughter and shot them down in their tracks. This work continued all Friday night, and with the dawning of day the lust of the mobs for blood seemed to increase.

Negroes were shot and killed upon the highways and in the fields where they were working, despite the prayers they made at their lives be spared.

"While twenty dead bodies of victims have been found scattered along the roads and over the country it may never be definitely known how many more negroes were murdered in out-of-the-way places where their bodies may never be found.

"So far as learned the negroes who were killed offered no resistance to the mob.

"The wholesale slaughter of negroes was brought about by the report that reached the ears of white men of the Slocum community that secret meetings of the blacks had been held at which plans were formulated for burning the barns and residences of certain white citizens."

According to other stories, the trouble originated in a quarrel between a white man and a negro who failed to pay a note indorsed by the former.

The Texas authorities are given full credit for taking prompt measures to suppress the outbreak and to find and punish the guilty whites. Sheriff Black, of Anderson County, where the slaughter occurred, is reported as making this statement:

"I found the greatest excitement. Men were killing negroes as fast as they could find them, and so far as I have been able to ascertain without any real cause. These negroes have never done anything that I could discover. There was just a hot-headed gang hunting them down and killing them.

"We found eleven dead bodies, but from what I have heard the dead must number fifteen or twenty. We came across four bodies in one house on a marsh between Denson Springs and Slocum. . . . .

"One negro had been killed at this house the night before and three were sitting up with the remains, one of them being old and white-haired. These three were killed right where they were. So far as I can learn the negroes were not armed.

"I sent two deputies out through that country to collect all the arms they could find in the houses of negroes. They made a thorough search, but found only nine single-barreled shotguns, none of which seemed to have been fired lately, and about thirty shells all loaded with small shot. . . . .

"We found two negroes in the road that had been shot about 10 o'clock the night before last. It was evident that at the time they were killed they were trying to get out of the country, for they had their bundles of clothes with them."

This story is indeed "a pitiful one," says the *New Orleans Times-Democrat*, "and puts the slaughter in a very bad light," and it adds:

"White supremacy is in danger nowhere in Texas, so far as we have been informed, and at this distance we know of no other cause adequate to condone the horrible slaughter which is reported."

Other Southern papers speak as strongly, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* characterizing this "brutal butchery of innocents" as a "reproach to the State and an offense to humanity." And in Texas the *Houston Chronicle* cries out against such "indiscriminate butchery of negroes because of some crime committed by an individual member of the race":

"It would puzzle Satan to find a satisfactory excuse for such an outbreak. . . . With all the faults of the individuals the negro race is not a bad race. Fidelity, loyalty, and courage are not uncommon traits. And the negro is the satellite of the white man. You could not drive him away from the white man, in whose shadow he flourishes, and the white race is not yet ready to dispense with the negro; certainly it can not afford to dispense with him by the assassination route, and to shoot down unarmed negroes in their cabins, to kill poor barefooted fugitives who, with their clothes bundled up to flee the country, are overtaken on country roads and shot down and left to welter and to thrash out their lives in the white dust of the roadway is nothing short of hell-inspired murder, and is just as demoniac, just as bloody, just as damnable a crime as if it had been committed by Turks on Armenians, by Kurds on Caucasians, or by red Sioux warriors on white men."

The *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, while regretting such an outbreak in the South, advises Eastern people to "remember their own troubles, and not be too severe in the condemnation of the Texas tragedy."

The *New York World* wonders "what account of the trouble would come out of Palestine if the surviving black men could write the press dispatches," and *The Globe* takes it upon itself to deliver the following lecture to the people of the South:

"How long are right-minded and civilized citizens of the Southern States going to permit this sort of business to go on? They can stop it when they genuinely wish so to do. They can stop it by apprehending and hanging a few of the murderers. They can stop it by frowning on the insensate negrophobia that they have hitherto tolerated if not encouraged. Such things can not be allowed without in the end bringing punishment in their train. The negroes ultimately will be driven to try and defend themselves, and they number 10,000,000. The black race has been remarkably docile under the wrongs which it has suffered, but it is not safe to push them beyond endurance. The worst enemy of the South is the professional negro-hater who indiscriminately assails a race for the misdeeds of a few of its members. Such events as have occurred in Texas are the natural result of the feeling he fosters, and it will take generations to obliterate the memory of them."

"Cruel is the irony and deep is the disgrace of the Palestine outbreak on Christian and democratic America," declares the *New York Age* (colored); "every American who has a care for his native land should consider the remedy for this constant reversal to barbarism." The one consolation of the outrage, according to this negro editor, is that while "the negro will not become discouraged and will continue his progress, Southern whites are each day becoming more lazy, more licentious, more criminal, and farther behind and comparative fewer in numbers."

## FOUND ALABAMA NEGRO DISAPPEARS SUDDENLY

7-4-10  
Not Telling Sheriff His Services Are  
Not Needed.

Dothan, Ala., July 3.—Henry McKinnis, a negro 18 years old has been disappeared at the hands of a mob of Columbia citizens, according to Sheriff T. W. Butler of Houston County, who returned to-night from that place. The negro's fate is unknown, although he is generally supposed to have been lynched.

According to Sheriff Butler, the negro made an alleged confession to having entered the room of a Miss Harrison with criminal intent. He was caught soon afterwards and placed in jail. A mob of fifty men is said to have stormed the jail, secured the prisoner and to have carried him toward the Chattahoochee river. Nothing has been heard of him since.

Sheriff Butler declares that he was summoned early Saturday morning to bring bloodhounds to Columbia to trace a negro. Upon his arrival he was told he was not needed. After returning to Dothan, a second call came for help, and he appeared for troops.

Orders were issued to Capt. J. C. Morris of Company F, First regiment, at Dothan to be ready for service. Upon his second arrival at Columbia Sheriff Butler was told that the jail had been stormed and that the prisoner, with a rope around his neck, had been led toward the river. At the river bank the sheriff claims to have found parts of the negro's clothing.

## QUIET AFTER LYNCHING

HOLMES COUNTY CITIZENS RECOVER FROM EXCITEMENT.

Some Feeling Displayed Against Lynching Negroes—Mother of Murdered Child is Protested by Mob.

Pensacola, Fla., July 31.—(Special.)—Private wires from Holmes County tonight state that the community is slowly quieting down from the excitement of last night when three negroes were lynched for the murder and rape of little Bessie Mae Morrison, fourteen years old.

There is much feeling against turpentine negroes in this community, but the fact that some of these negroes assisted the officers in quickly capturing the right parties by giving information that led to their arrest has allayed somewhat the feeling, and no further trouble is anticipated.

It is stated that Mrs. Mary Morrison, the mother of the child is completely prostrated. The little girl was the eldest of the five children, and they with their widowed mother tilled the little farm and eked out an existence, the mother at the same time endeavoring to educate them by sending them to school after crops had been laid by.

## POSSE LYNCHES BLACK OUTCAST

Discovered.

GIRL FINDS NEGRO IN ROOM

Father Makes Him Prisoner and  
Summons Aid.

PLAN MADE BY FIVE TO ROB  
HOUSE, ASSAULT WOMEN OC-  
CUPANTS AND THEN

BURN BUILD-

ING 7-6-10

Athens, Ga., Sept. 5.—An unconfirmed report has been received here to the effect that five negroes were lynched near Carlton, ten miles east of here. News reports tell of the killing of one negro and fatal injuries to four others by the enraged posse.

It is said the negroes planned to murder the family of J. W. Huff, of Blakely, a planter and that a daughter of Mr. Huff discovered a negro in her room early yesterday. The negro was caught.

Mr. Huff's daughter, according to reports, aroused her father, who kept the negro in her room until neighbors could be summoned by telephone. It is said the negro confessed that he and four other negroes planned to rob the house, assault the women, kill the occupants and then burn the dwelling.

The dispatch says the four other negroes were immediately located and resisted arrest, were shot down.

## MORE TROUBLE FEARED IN FLORIDA COUNTY

Monticello, Fla., Aug. 2.—Telephone communication with Dady, the son of a slain Friday's criminal assault, and the murder of little Bessie Morrison, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Morrison, by a negro, was restored at late hour tonight and reports were confirmed that thus far four negroes have been lynched as a result of the crime.

Posses are now in search of two other negroes, who are alleged to have committed the crime before the crime was committed, that it was contemplated.

It is now alleged that the negroes who are believed to have been in the plot intended to treat Mrs. Morrison in the same manner that they did her daughter, and also kill her other children, but for some unknown reason their plans failed.

Excitement is said to be at fever heat in the aroused neighborhood, and the wholesale killing of negroes is feared.



# ANTI-SALOON SLEUTH IS LYNCHED IN OHIO

**Newark Mob Avenges Saloonkeeper by  
Dragging Detective from Jail and  
Killing Him in Public Square**

*Newark News - 7-7-10*

Newark, O., July 7.—Carl Etherington, 23 years old, employed Thursday night by the State Anti-Saloon League as a blind tiger raider, was lynched here at 10:35 o'clock to-night, following a day of almost continuous rioting.

The heavy doors of the Licking county jail were battered down and Etherington was dragged from his cell. He was shot, kicked and bruised by the mob. The street was reached and the mob followed quickly.

**Beaten Battered Down.**  
Etherington, early in the evening, was killed. William Howard, proprietor of the "Last Chance" restaurant and former chief of police, was held up on an alleged "speak easy" in a block. He saved himself by jumping through the window of a laundry.

Then news from the hospital that Howard had died passed over the city. At 9 o'clock to-night the fury of the mob took a definite form.

Large, battering rains were directed against the doors of the jail, and the mob were powerless. The doors fell after nearly an hour's attack.

**Didn't Mean to Do It.**  
Crying piteously, Etherington, a curly-headed Kentuckian, who has been serving as a strike-breaker since he was released from marine service, three months ago, was dragged forth.

"I didn't mean to do it," he wailed. His cries fell upon deaf ears.

Fearing that the mob spirit would not be satisfied by one victim, Sheriff

Weybrecht for troops to protect the other "dry raiders" held at the city prison. In another section of the town,

A hurried guard was thrown out in their defense. The mob, after the

loss of blood seemed quiet but

it is feared that they will attack the prison before the night is gone.

**Thinks of His Mother.**

Etherington's last moments, while he heard the mob battering down the doors were spent in praying and writing a note to his parents, farmers residing near Williamsburg, Ky.

"What will mother say when she hears of this?" he kept moaning to the jailer.

It is claimed that Etherington recently came here as a strike-breaker, and the ill-feeling caused by this intensified the feeling following to-day's occurrence.

To-night a strike-breaker was pursued through the streets for several blocks. He saved himself by jumping through the window of a laundry.

**Newspapermen Attacked.**

A group of newspaper men leaving the jail early to-night after interviewing the detectives, were set upon by the mob and were being roughly handled when one established his identity

by means of a secret society emblem and then saved his companions from further mistreatment.

Howard's death greatly inflamed the mob, which for hours had been hanging about the jail.

Howard, it is charged, did not resist the detectives when they entered his place on the outskirts of the city. He

is said, however, put his arms about Etherington as if to hold him, where-

upon the officer fired a bullet into his head.

**Crowd Pursues Detective.**

Striking Baltimore and Ohio Railroad employees declare that Etherington recently came to Newark as a strike-breaker and that ill-feeling, growing out of the strike had intensified that due to the raids to-day.

The detectives who made the raids arrived this morning armed with

from the Mayor of Granville, a nearby village. One of the first saloons visited was that of Louis Holton, where a bartender, Edward McKenna, was hit over the head with brass knuckles. The detective who hit him was pursued by a crowd of people, who quickly assembled, and he was rescued by the police with difficulty. The officers with their prisoners were followed by the mob to the jail.

Licking county, of which Newark is the county seat, is dry under the Roosevelt option law, but it is said the law is not enforced. Wayne B. Wheeler, state superintendent, at Columbus, to-night declared to-day's situation was brought about by alleged negligence on the part of Mayor Atherton in not upholding the law. Wheeler said that the detectives were secured at Cleveland.

**Tales to Kill Himself.**

While the mob was battering down the doors Etherington was in his cell. In an attempt to commit suicide he smothered his head in his coat and set fire to it. He was caught in time.

In the melee as the mob was leaving the jail eight prisoners held for petty offenses escaped. One refused to leave.

As Etherington mounted the block ready for the swing he was asked to make a speech.

"I want to warn all young fellows not to try to make a living the way I have done—by strike breaking and taking jobs like this," he declared. "I had better have worked, and I would not be here now."

The swing of the rope cut him short. He hung there for an hour when the crowd quietly left. After the first excitement there was no disorder. At the finish there were hundreds of women and little children in the crowd. No member of the mob was masked and no attempt was made to conceal their identity. The leaders were personal friends of the dead man.

After the body had dangled from the pole for an hour, the rope broke under the weight of the body. The city ambulance rolled up, packed the limp form aboard and hauled it to the city morgue.

An hour later the city was absolutely quiet with little chance of further disturbance. The other "dry" prisoners in the city prison are safe for the present.

## STOP FIGHTING BETWEEN RACES

**Texas Troops Quickly Restore Order.**

**EIGHT WHITE MEN IN CUSTODY**

**Prisoners Are Charged With First Degree Murder.**

**SPECIAL GRAND JURY READY TO**

## OF TWO DAYS BLOODY CAR- NIVAL

Palestine, Texas, August 1.—In his charge to the special grand jury impaneled today, Judge B. Gardner, of the Third judicial district court, ordered that a thorough investigation

be made.

Four additional arrests were made today in connection with the case between the whites and blacks. A Friday night riot at Palestine, where white men are now in jail here, all of whom are charged with murder in the first degree and held without bail to await the action of the grand jury. They are:

James Surger, Josh Bishop, Walter Ferguson, Isaman Garner, Andrew Kirkwood, James Jenkins, F. C. Bailey and Morgan Henry.

Troop C, cavalry of the Texas State Guard under the command of Captain L. H. Younger, arrived here today and is encamped in the court house yard. The troop will patrol the scene of the riots and protect the prisoners now in jail.

According to the authorities, the situation is now well in hand and no further trouble is anticipated. The State Militia Company of Marshall, which was sent to the scene, returned today, although their Captain, G. H. Fowler, remained to assist the officers in making arrests.

Deputy Sheriff Reeves who returned from Slocum this afternoon said: "I am positive that the trouble between the white and black races of Anderson county is at an end. It is my further belief that no more than fifteen white men participated in the riots. Of course there were probably a hundred or possible two hundred armed men in the community, but they were armed merely for the purpose of protecting their homes and quelling such uprisings as might occur. The great majority of these men did not reach the scene of the trouble. The presence of such a great number of armed men was due entirely to exaggerated reports which the outside world received."

A coronor's inquest has been held over the eight bodies that have been found. The verdict in each case was to the effect that the deceased came to their death from a gunshot wound in the hands of person or persons unknown.

All the dead, as far as known, were negroes.

**Calm Feeling Exists.**

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 1.—Reports from Palestine received here today indicate that a calmer feeling exists along the southeastern border of Anderson and Houston counties where a dozen or more negroes were slain by a band of whites Friday and Saturday. Deputy sheriffs and state rangers are at the scene of trouble and have the situation in hand. The grand jury of Anderson county has convened and a searching investigation into the killings will be made.

It is believed here that fifteen negroes were shot down and the first reports of retaliation on the part of the blacks are not borne out by more conservative statements.

Business has resumed its normal con-

## TWO ITALIANS HUNG AT TAMPA

*Mont Adv. - 9-21-10*  
**Taken from Officers and  
Suspended to a Tree.**

**BUSY BODIES IN THE STRIKE**

**One of Them Said to Have Shot  
J. F. Easterling.**

**PARTY OF CUBANS AND ITALIANS  
SAID TO HAVE PLANNED THE  
LYNCHING PARTY**

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 20.—While being transported to the county jail tonight at 9 o'clock, Carmine Giccarotta and Angelo Albano, two prominent Italians, who have been conspicuous in the cigar strike here, were taken from deputy sheriffs at Howard and Grand Central Avenues, hurried to a heavily wooded place nearby, and hanged to the limb of a tree.

Both men were arrested at 5 o'clock in the evening by a deputy sheriff, charged with being accessories to the shooting of J. F. Easterling, the book-keeper of Bustillo Brothers and Diaz, several days ago. They were locked up in the West Tampa barracks for a time, and shortly after 9 o'clock were taken out, placed in a hack and started towards the county jail in Tampa. They were accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs Evans and Bryan.

When the hack in which the four men were riding reached Howard and Grand Central Avenues, a squad of armed men, estimated in numbers from fifty to seventy-five, halted the party. The officers were told to get out, and the driver ordered to turn around. The prisoners, handcuffed to each other, were then ordered to alight. As the two prisoners were marched off, the officers hurried to the nearest telephone and sent a message to police headquarters.

**Met Gruesome Sight.**

When Police Chief Woodward arrived on the scene no one was in sight. He was greeted with the gruesome sight of the two bodies swinging in the moonlight.

A hasty examination was made, but there was no clue upon which the officers could proceed. The two deputy sheriffs, when questioned, stated that they believed the lynching party was composed of Italians and Cubans.



and would be able to identify some of them if they could be brought face to face with them.

When the bodies were cut down at 11 o'clock it was found that the man recently for hanging both to the mob and arose when the mob failed in an effort to sever the chains connecting the handcuffs. Piccarotta had his pipe gripped firmly in his teeth and wore his hat.

Following the discovery of the bodies, wild excitement reigned here. At midnight a crowd, estimated at 8,000 persons, had gathered, and the real tension of feeling, resultant from the strike now on here, was evidenced.

**Albano Shot Easterling.**  
Piccarotta and Albano, it is charged, have made themselves conspicuous recently in the labor troubles between the manufacturers and cigar makers. Marshal Logan, of the West Tampa force, stated that he has an eye-witness who will testify that Albano was the man who fired the shot which seriously wounded Easterling, and that Piccarotta was a conspicuous member of the crowd gathered in front of the Bustillo Brothers factory at the time of the assault.

Eight months ago, Piccarotta was tried on a charge of murdering his uncle, G. Piccarotta, a prominent wholesale dealer of West Tampa. He was acquitted for lack of evidence, and as he was being carried to jail tonight he made the remark that he had escaped hanging on a charge of murder, and that he supposed that he would escape on this charge.

Ten police do not believe that the execution of the two Italians has any bearing on the local strike situation, alleging that it is rather the result of recent feuds between certain elements of the local Italian colony. Deputy Sheriff Keagan, however, who arrested the two men earlier in the evening, stated that he was approached by a number of people, who asked at what time the two men would be sent to the county jail. Not suspecting anything, he says, he told them.

Shortly after midnight the bodies were brought to the city and a coroner's jury was empanelled to hold an inquest.

**Shooting at Tampa.**

For the past several weeks there has been more or less rioting in connection with the cigar makers' strike, and just one week ago the situation became so tense, following the attempted assassination of Easterling, that Mayor McKay issued a proclamation threatening to call for troops if the rioting did not cease. Extra police officers and deputy sheriffs were sworn in and numerous arrests have been made but the riot spirit was not dampened.

In many instances the strikers, many of whom are Italians and Cubans, have openly resented the presence of agents sent here to recruit men for employment in out-of-town branches of the local factories against which the strike is directed. Such recruits have several times been attacked at the railway stations and on the streets, a number of them being seriously injured and death resulting in one case.

**First American Attacked.**

Easterling was the first American to be attacked, and this stirred the police and citizens to a determined war against violence. Before that the police were not able to secure evidence against any of the rioters for the reason that the foreigners dared not reveal their assailants.

A few days prior to the shooting of

Easterling, J. Coste, head of a cigar manufacturing here, was shot at while riding on a street car.

Fully 8,000 workmen are idle and as many of the foreign strikers receive no allowance from the unions they have been in straightened circumstances, this adding to the general discontent of the men.

When the two bodies were taken down a note with the following written on it, was found:

"Beware! Others take notice or go the same way. We know seven more. We are watching you. If any more citizens are molested lookout."

(Signed.) "Justices."  
This notice was well written, not a scrawl, all letters being capitals and in printed form.

**ITALY PROBES LYNCHING**  
*Mont. Adv. 9-23-10*  
**TAMPA AFFAIR MAY BECOME INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT.**

**Question of Citizenship of Mob's Victims at Tampa—Consul General at New Orleans is Investigating.**

Manchester, Mass., Sept. 22.—The lynching of two Italians at Tampa, Fla., Tuesday night is being investigated by the diplomatic and consular representatives of the Italian Government at the summer quarters of the Italian Embassy here.

"The first thing to be decided," said Marchese Paolo Di Montagliari, the Charge d'Affaires, "is whether the victims of the lynching were American citizens or subjects of the Italian Government. This cannot be determined until the naturalization records are looked up."

"The Italian Government is investigating through its Consul General at New Orleans, and that official is working through the consular agent at Tampa."

**Appeals for Protection.**

New Orleans, Sept. 2.—Acting under instructions from the Italian Ambassador to the United States, Fernando Mazzini, Consul at New Orleans, has wired the consular agent at Tampa, Fla., to appeal to the authorities of that state to protect all Italian citizens.

This order grows out of the lynching in West Tampa Tuesday night of Angelo Albano and Castano Piccarotta, believed to have been Italian citizens, although there is some doubt as to whether or not they had taken out citizenship papers in this country. An official report in the matter will be forwarded to the Italian Ambassador by the New Orleans Consul.

**Requests Statement of Facts.**

Washington, Sept. 22.—The morning mail brought to the State Department a polite note from Marchese Di Montagliari, calling attention to the report of the lynching and requested a statement of facts.

The Department immediately communicated his request by wire to Governor Gilchrist, of Florida, who will, it is assumed, make an investigation into and report the results to the State Department.

The Tampa dispatches indicate that the question of the nationality of the two victims is in doubt. If it should develop that they were naturalized citizens, then, of course, the Italian embassy would promptly drop the matter; but if they were Italian subjects at the time of their death a claim for indemnity or reparation could be expected.

**The Ship Is "Open."**  
Tampa, Fla., Sept. 22.—In an effort to break the strike of the 8,000 or more union cigar makers, which has been in progress more than two months, the Antuone factory was thrown open today under "open shop" conditions. None of the former employees applied for work. It is charged that threats of violence deters non-union cigar makers from seeking places in the open shop series here.

## SHERIFF'S POSSE KILLS NEGROES

**Highwaymen Fight Desperately in Madison County.**

**ONE MAN MAKES ESCAPE**  
**Skulks, Desperately Wounded, in Bushes Near Elco.**

**FARMER GIVES CLUE TO POSITION, AND BATTLE IS FOUGHT IN DEEP RAILROAD CUT OF SOUTHERN.**  
*Mont. Adv. 10-10-10*

**HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 9—(Special.)—**Joe Chandler and Ben Chandler, negro highwaymen who held up and robbed Milton High Thursday afternoon, were shot to death and their companion, Ed Black, was fatally wounded in an encounter with Sheriff Mitchell and posse this morning. Black, desperately wounded, is skulking in the bushes with no possible chance of escaping. The negroes did some fighting, but none of the officers was hurt. The encounter took place in the Southern Railway cut, Elco, five miles west of here at 1 o'clock this morning. The hunt for the three negro desperadoes has been continuous since within an hour after the highway robbery near Merrimack Thursday, and it has been one of the most exciting that the officers of Madison county have ever engaged in. Several encounters have been had with the men and each time they fired on their pursuers.

**Farmer Gives Clue.**

At midnight last night, a negro farmer telephoned Sheriff Mitchell that the three highwaymen had come to his place to spend the night in his barn. Instead of remaining in the barn, the fugitives went on through to the railroad and formed an ambush for the posse that they knew would follow them. They took a position in a pocket in the cut above the railroad.

Sheriff made up a party composed of himself, Deputies Erie Miller, Wheeler Mitchell, Horace Strong and N. L. Pierce and Possemen Jamar, Maples, Edwards and Shibley, and went to the scene in an automobile. They dismounted at the railroad and

walked right on toward the ambush, but one of the negroes struck a light and disclosed their position. The posse surrounded the spot and by the flickering light the negroes were seen with their weapons ready. Sheriff Mitchell called to them to surrender and the answer was a shot point blank at Deputy Miller. The fight was on then and about fifty shots were fired. All of the negroes fell, but Black got up and made off in the darkness leaving a trail of blood behind. He is known to be desperately wounded.

The Chandler negroes are escaped convicts from both Alabama and Tennessee prisons. They started their career of crime here last Wednesday by robbing the Morning store at Ryland.

Coroner Laughlin empanelled a jury today and investigated the killing of Joe and Ben Chandler, negro bandits who were shot to death by Sheriff Mitchell and his posse this morning. The jury found that the killing was justifiable.

Ed Black third member of the gang who was wounded, has been surrounded in a swamp near Madison and will be killed or captured.

**Officers Overpowered and Prisoners Taken.**

**LITTLE ONE IS MURDERED WHILE ON ROAD TO SCHOOL**

**Posses Find Body Buried in Swamps.**  
*Mont. Adv. 7-31-10*

**TWO NEGROES CONFESS TO OFFICERS AND IMPLICATE THIRD**  
**INFURIATED CITIZENS VISIT QUICK VENGEANCE ON PAIR.**

**Bonifay, Fla., July 30—(Special.)—**Infuriated citizens this afternoon overpowered officers who had arrested two negro turpentine workers on the charge of murdering Bessie Morrison, a twelve-year old girl and hung the negroes to a tree. The negroes' bodies were riddled with bullets. They had confessed their crime to the officers.

The girl had started for school Friday morning. Her road lay near some woods. Upon her failure to reach home Friday night, posses were formed to search for her. Saturday morning the body was found in a swamp, some distance from the road.

Following the discovery, the infuriated citizens went in search of the negroes. These previously had been apprehended by officers, who had secured a confession. It is believed that

this was the spot where the negroes had hidden in the woods along the road, had attacked the young girl, and accomplished their purpose and then had murdered her, taking the body into the swamp and burying it in mud.

After the officers had started with their prisoners to the county jail they were met by the mob. No arrests were made by the officers. The mob threatened to conceal the identity of the officers who were apprehended and to avenge the killing of the girl.

Bessie Morrison was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Morrison, a widow who lives near Day, in the northwest corner of Holmes County. The little girl was only about twelve years old. Her father is dead and her mother and five children lived alone on the farm and in a scarcely settled community. The negroes worked turpentine around the house, and knew there were no men near.

The sheriff's posse followed the negroes by the trail of blood as they carried the body of their victim to the swamp.

Country men from all over Holmes County were called out to search for the negroes and hunt upon swamps.

**Find Body in Lake.**  
Florida, July 30—(Special.)—Information has reached here of the finding of the body of a 12-year-old girl in a small lake near Darlington, Walton county, Florida, this morning at 3 o'clock after an all-night search. The girl's neck was broken and her body was horribly mutilated. From the best information available, the girl was on her way to school when the murderers who were in hiding caught and killed her, throwing her body into the water and placing weights on it.

An armed posse of determined men have been scouring the woods since early this morning in an effort to run down all the perpetrators of the fiendish crime.

**TEXAS RACE WAR LED; JUSTICE BEGINS TO MOVE**  
*8-3-10*

Palestine, Texas, Aug. 2.—Two white men were arrested today in connection with the race riots in Anderson county last week in which at least ten negroes were killed. Mac Reed and Bid Wise were brought here to jail today and with eleven other white men arrested are held without bail, charged with murder in the first degree. It is reported that warrants for the arrest of twelve others have been issued.

Interest today centered in the investigation being made in the affair by a special grand jury. Eighteen witnesses were before that body but none of the evidence submitted was given out.

It is reported that almost the entire negro population of Sandy Bulah colony near the scene of the rioting